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Sabre Gilmartin of Stourbridge with her dog Bertie, who donned his smart tuxedo for the



Tradtional food, bunting and flags . . . it's a right royal knees up at the Black Country Living Museum's street party



Sealed with a kiss – the picture the world waited for as the borough joined the celebrations



The mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller, with Mayoress, Hilary Miller, enjoying the fun at Sedgley Conservative Club



Cradley Heath Big Market fishmongers Gary Link, aged 42, and Mike Nicklin, 66, from Willis Fish celebrate with some nibbles

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With the bunting out, the Pimms poured and an endless supply of cold beer and hot tea, Royal Wedding fever swept through Dudley and Sandwell.

The nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton captured people's hearts, minds and imaginations as hundreds of well-wishers toasted the couple.

In the UK more than 5,500 official parties were staged last Friday – 14 of them in the borough of Dudley, and the most hosted by any major town in the region.

Roads were officially closed as neighbours left their homes to celebrate in their streets. But there were hundreds more parties in gardens, cul-desacs, pubs and churches. And

it wasn't just humans who made the most of the Big Day when the fairytale romancers became the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge before a world-wide ordience of billions.

Bertie, the fashion-conscious dog from Stourbridge, watched the ceremony in his new black tuxedo jacket with a white collar and a red bow tie.

Reception

The smart suit is one of a collection of outfits Bertie, a Yorkshire terrier crossed with adachshund, regularly dons with the help of his owner, denivour glass jewellery designer Sabre Gilmartin of Heath Street.

The 60-year-old said: "He looks absolutely adorable and like a distinguished gentleman watched the wedding in

style." Brierley Hill's Copthorne Hotel got into the spirit of things by giving away a free wedding and reception. It was won by Jonathan McGee and Laura Moores, a teacher at Wood Green Junior School in Wednesbury.

They had a blessing ceremony and dedicated their special day to everyone who has supported them since Mr McGee was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2008.

The 41-year-old quantity surveyor has had several operations.











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month. Dr Malcolm Dixon will Dr Malcolm Dixon will be speaking about trows, or cargo boats, which travelled down the river during the early 20th century. They were able to transport all kinds of goods between Shrewsbury and Bristol and along the coasts of Devon, Cornwall and South Wales.

The meeting on May 26 will be held in Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue at 8pm.

Council reveals bill to buy landmark cone site

DUDLEY Council paid almost £225,000 for borough landmark the Red House Glass Cone, it can be revealed.

revealed.

Bosses have previously remained tightlipped about how much they had spent on
the historic building in Wordsley

It was snapped up as a springboard for a
project to link the cone – one of only four
remaining in Britain – with a new attraction at the former Stuart Crystal works across the road.

The property register, filed with the Land Registry, revealed the cost as £224,000. It

Pay cut on mileage approved

PLANS to reduce mileage payments for workers at Sandwell Council – in a bid to save £1 million – are going ahead, despite threats of a walkout by staff. The move means the amount staff who use their cars for work can claim will be cut from 65p to 45p per mile, despite the increasing price of fuel. Councillors approved the decision at a meeting of the council despite opposition from unions. Workers have claimed the move amounts to "effectively a wage cut" and threaten industrial action.

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ADVENTURE-seekers can take part in a midnight abseil down the turrets of Dudley Castle in aid of a Black Country hospice.

The event on June 18 will popular with all ages and with the twist of holding the event in the dark within the

raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice, Stour-

bridge. It will include a ghost talk

within the grounds of Dudley Zoo.
Janet Jones, head of fundraising at the hospice, said: "Abseils are always

was bought from former owners Stuart & Sons in October. The council had previously leased the building.

A feasibility study is currently being carried out for the scheme at the site, known as the White House Cone, across the road. The council and Complex Developments Ltd, which owns the former crystal works site, are drawing up a bid for European funding to bankroll the scheme, which would include an underground tunnel linking the two sites.

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The total cost of the project would be

The total cost of the project would be between £3m and £5m, and a bid for up to half of that is expected to be made. Repair work on the former Stuart crystal shop, which will form part of the same r workers at no – are going their cars for r mile, despite oved the deciposition from the position from the position from the position from the proviously having previously had a 90 and the project world for the project world form the project world for the project would be provided to the project would be project would be provided to the project would be provided to the project would be provided to the project world for the project world naving previously had a 99 year lease on the cone and the buildings immediately

Regeneration

"The site is a significant heritage asset to this borough and its acquisition borough and its acquisition gives us much greater secu-rity on the site, and also links in with aspirations to further develop the site alongside the wider regen-eration projects in that area." former

The former Stuart Crystal glass works was taken over by Waterford Wedgwood in a £4 million deal in 2001. The company axed all 220 manufacturing jobs at the site. Waterford Wedgwood was forced to shut the shop on the site after they went into administration. Stuart

Carpet of blue draws walkers



Jodie Walker, aged 26, enjoying the stunning display of bluebells with her daughter Madison Walker-Carter, two, and nephew Brandon Edwards, four

Turbine bid for Valley slated

PLANS for a £3 million wind turbine in the middle of a Black Country nature spot

FAMILIES in the have been out enjoying the sun shine as colourful carpets of blue-bells spring up in

woodland across

headed to Saltwells Nature

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the bitterly cold

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Saltwells woods are managed all

tional British bluebell to thrive Lady Dudley planted Saltwells Wood in the eigh-

teenth century to hide the scars of

weather at the start of the year could delay flow

the region.

Dozens of
walkers have

Reserve in Netherton Dudley, making the most of the bank holiday breaks.

middle of a Black Country nature spot have been called "unrealistic" by opponents.

Sandwell Council is considering installing a 200ff high structure in Sandwell Valley to power 1,500 homes, but the plans were criticised by the borough's Conservative group leader Councillor Ray Nock.

Bosses say if a wind turbine was installed in Sandwell Valley it would be screened by foliage and high trees and noise would be drowned out by the M5.

Councillor Nock however said: "The only way these turbines provide as much electricity as is hoped is if they are in the middle of a blustering gale and that is not going to be the case."

Flow

year round to con-serve the habitat – which allows the tradi-

The site is apparently the only one suitable in the borough which has sufficient wind flow and does not affect flight paths or overhead power lines.

Another site which was considered for a potential turbine was Rowley Hills. but the area was not deemed suitable.

The scheme is one of a number of "spend to save" projects put on hold as the council battles to claw back £75 million in the next four years.

years.
The borough already has one publicly-owned turbine—a 33ft Air Dolphin turbine off Taylors Lane, Oldbury, near the tip in Shidas Lane.

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£2.5m of dodgy goods are seized



SVR winter investment

SERVICES at Kiddermin-ster's Severn Valley Railway could be disrupted again this winter as further mainte-nance work is carried out along the historic line. Officials said they would again be investing heavily in the railway network at the end of the year and the start of

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2012. It has not yet been decided where along the line work will be earnied out over the winter months with plans to be finalised in the summer. Cash for future work will be financed from profits with the railway working to boost visitor numbers after a drop last year.

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MILLIONS of pounds worth of fake DVDs, cigarettes, alcohol, and toys have been seized during trading standards swoops in Sandwell in the

Isatyear.

Fake iPhones, designer label clothes and alloy wheels were found amongst goods were worth about £2.5million in lost money to the industries involved — more than twice last year's £1 million

lost money to the mustaries involved—more than twice last year's £1 million haul.

The latest haul saw 75,000 cigarettes, 25kg of tobacco, 652 litres of wine and 111 bottles of vodka seized.

Officers also confiscated 6,500 games, 3,000 DVDs, 300 toys, 600 fake designer dresses and 40 modified Xbox consoles.

The growth of the internet has posed a greater challenge for officers as crooked traders try to remain "invisible" to the authorities. However, forensic analysis of seized computers and more sophisticated surveillance has helped the clampdown on dodgy traders.

The borough's deputy trading standards manager Bob Charnley said: "It is a constantly evolving battle of wits as rogues adapt themselves.

Forensic

Forensic

"We have got to be more and more aware of different technologies because criminals are getting smarter and using the internet to stay invisible. But through forensic analysis of computers, backbackers and while a trivities are

the internet to stay invisible. But through forensic analysis of computers, bank accounts and trading activities we are getting them, because of the extensive evidence gathering work we do." Intelligence for officers comes from test purchases, tip-offs from sharp-eyed members of the public and hours, weeks, sometimes months, of research.

The aim for Trading Standards officers is to know everything about dodgy traders' ill-gotten gains, to be able to understand the full extent of their criminal activity and prosecute, as well as seize fake goods.

Mr Charnley added: "We have to know everything they've been doing.
"Some of these more prolific offenders are making tons of money before they're caught and that's why we have to make sure we prosecute them and get all of that back for the honest worker."



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is rejected by planners

PLANS to transform a vacant, overgrown plot of land leading up to Dudley's Merry Hill Shopping Centre into a car sales lot and hand car wash have been thrown out.

Members of Dudley Council's planning committee decided on April 26 that creating the business on land near William & Sons furniture store in Level Street, Brierley Hill, would be inappropriate.

Councillors declared that Merry Hill was the "jewel in the borough's crown" and such the proposition of the main routes to the centre.

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Country

HOSPITAL staff in Dudley are being urged to "go neon" to raise funds for a charity helping patients.

They are being encouraged to wear neon clothes or accessories or bake brightly coloured cakes in June as part of an appeal by Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity.

Money goes towards making patients more comfortable and helps to pay for items such as air mattresses and TVs, which are not covered or fully supported by the NHS.

Cash is also used to support staff by funding

NHS.
Cash is also used to support staff by funding courses and books and buy hospital equipment.
Anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to The Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity, 2nd Floor, Trust HQ, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, DY1 2HQ.
To organise a fundraising event call 01384 45611.

Car wash bid Drain covers disappearing



Councillor Beatrice Owen and resident Sidney Griffiths by one of the drains

nt Sidney Griffiths by one of the drains ing the 19 covers will cost almost £10,000 and bosses anticipate more thefts will come to light.

Princes End ward Councillor Beatrice Owen has warned residents to be vigilant. She said: "I have received reports of men arriving in a van, bold as brass and removing covers, then fencing off the drains and placing a traffic cone on top. They wear high visibility jackets and operate in broad daylight, so people presume they are acting in an official capacity."

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Alert over **'worry** wards'

LEVELS of care on hospital wards in Sandwell and Birmingham are falling below standards, according to a report.

Increased staff sick-ness, sliding standards of care, high numbers of agency staff and rising care, nigh numbers of agency staff and rising numbers of complaints are some of the reasons why several wards have been declared worry wards by nursing quality Report Ny Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

The report, written by Chief Nurse Rachel Overfield, outlines the quality of nursing care at Sandwell and City hospitals and lists the wards she has identified as falling below set standards.

Flexible

She states one of the major contributing factors is the number of wards with flexible bed

THERE has been a 40 per cent reduction in avoidable bed sores in Sandwell and West Birmingham hospitals over the past year.

The hospitals' trust estimates this has saved them around £500,000.

A report on nursing quality initiatives understaken during the past year by the trust has found that a range of improvements to services have brought real benefits to patients. They say the biggest improvement has been the reduction of pressure sores.

The target for 2010/11 was a 10 per cent reduction but between April 2010, and

wards with flexible bed numbers. Priory five ward at Sandwell Hospital has had its number of beds limited because of concerns about patient care. It was put in special measures 18 months ago over failing standards but this was lifted in March 2010. Lyndon three and Newton three wards at Sandwell are causing concern, along with Newton four ward, a 22-bedded stroke ward that routtinely opens to over 30 beds.

Feasibility study over church use

launched into future uses of a land-

launched into future uses of a land-mark Dudley church, which closed in 2002 due to safety fears. Campaigners hope St John's in Kates Hill can be opened up to the community again and are now asking residents, busiagain and are now asking residents, ousinesses and local organisations for their views. The study, which is costing £10,000, will include an online survey and will also look at how much interest there is from community groups in using the building. Chairman of the St John's Church Preservation Group Deb Brownlee said:

Bed sore numbers

tumble at hospital

February 2011, the NHS
trust has achieved a 40 per
cent reduction.
Spokesman Nick Howells
said: "Pressure sores are
both painful and debilitating
but also require a great deal
of extra nursing care and
additional length of stay.
Another big area of improvement has been a reduction in
the number of falls by 18 per
cent between April, 2010,
and February 2011.
"An audit carried out in
February revealed that
nearly 94 per cent of
patients were now being
assessed for falls risk, compared to 43 per cent at the
start of the year."

"This information will be crucial when it comes to persuading the Church Commissioners that the building should be fully reopened. Potential users could be community groups, health specialists, private companies, other charities, clubs, also perhaps wedding fairs, conferences and a wide variety of events such as shows and talks."

It is hoped the completed feasibility study, which is being compiled with the help of Dudley firm Oakham Research, will be used by the group to attract further funding to restore the building.

The preservation group has been tirelesly raising cash to fund repairs and work to replace the lightning conductor on the following the church has begun.

They hope to open the building up a few hours a week to help with fundraising the church has begun.

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Work to completely reserve the building is estimated to cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million.

The preservation group is also on the lookout for volunteers to help run its drop, also on the lookout for volunteers to help run its drop, also on the lookout for volunteers to help run its drop in centre in the old school house in \$1.00 has home and its Saturday stall at Dudley Market Place.

Anyone wanting to become a volunteer can email asvestjohnschurch (#hotmail.co.uk)

In the pink for summer school



Pink Productions director Jodie Richards surrounded by members of the group

Pink Productions director Jodie Richard YOUNGSTERS can look forward to a season of song and dance with a summer school in the Black Country.
Children can take to the stage ready to learn acting, singing and dancing at the Pink Productions Summer School.
The event, now in its fourth year, will be held at The Mill Theatre, in Mill Bank, Sedgley, between August 15 and 19.
Classes will take place for those aged four and above, including a range of singing workshops. The "In The Pink5" event will culminate on the Friday night with a performance taking place in the theatre. Pink

Productions director Jodie Richards said:
"After the success of the company's previous 16 sell-out productions, Pink Productions is pleased to be back this summer at the new venue to give people this fantastic experience.
"The company, which is proud to have

experience.
"The company, which is proud to have taught One Direction boy band singer Liam Payne, is booking up fast for this event." Places are limited and anyone wishing to book or find out more information is asked to call Jodie on 01902 682087 or 07763 847811 or visit www.pinkperforming arts couk o4/811 or arts.co.uk

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Traders push for shutters rethink

TENS of thousands of pounds of damage at pounds of damage at shops, restaurants and takeaways across Dudley borough would be avoided if the council retracted a "ridiculous" ban on steel shutters, traders claim. Business owners in

Business owners Dudley have called for Dudley have called for a common-sense solution to controversial planning decisions banning the steel roller shutters used to protect their premises after hours. Until recently, Dudley Council insisted it would be inclined to refuse all applications to install shutters. It said they have a negative impact on the street scene and could increase residents' fear of crime.

Policy

But traders insist they should be able to protect

their property.
And development control committee chairman Tim Wright has called for a meeting on the future of the

wright has caned for a meeting on the future of the shutters policy. "We need to be sensible—the policy doesn't appear to be working in its current form," he said.

It comes after the committee approved plans for shutters at Four Seasons Chinese takeaway in Enville Road, Kingswinford.

Developers RO Group, who run Spencer's Indoor Market in Dudley have also recently lodged an application for shutters.

"It is our national policy," said group development director Richard Bourne.

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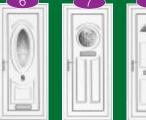
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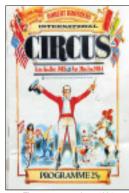
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Amazing circus life is revealed by father's tapes

A CIRCUS BOSS has told of his terrifying escape from Nazi Europe in a unique recording of his life story left

Nazi Europe in a unique recording of fils file sword, and to his Cradley Heath family.

Lifelong performer James Kayes, who once met Adolf Hitler, had to leave behind all the animals, including his three most prized horses, when war broke out.

He recorded the enthralling story on tapes, leaving a lasting legacy to his family. His son Tommy Kayes, who worked in the circus himself before moving onto fairgrounds, unearthed the tapes earlier this year, seven years after his father's death.

Tommy, whose own children Ross and Scott now

Boss who met Hitler, married a footjuggler and lived to 86



Johnny and James Kaves in 1931

Tommy, whose own children Ross and Scott now run the Kidsworld Fun Fair which tours Sandwell, added: "The tapes are fascinating. "They were fairground people before there were rides, they had skills and menageries, it was brilliant. I am asking a friend to put the tapes on DVD to preserve the story." Rinemaster and horse

preserve the story."
Ringmaster and horse rider James was born into a family of circus people in Lidbrook in Monmouthshire, son to Richard "Buff Bill", who toured Europe with his horse-drawn USA Circus.

Whirlwind

James was one of seven brothers and also had seven sisters, most of whom went into the circus. His whirlwind life story was preserved on the tapes in an interview for the British Library Archives, left to his son.

son. He made his ring debut at the age of six, dancing and drumming and toured with his father's show. It was as a teenager on a tour of Germany in 1933 that performers were introduced to statesmen, including Chancel-lor Hitler. His career was cut short when touring with the Jewish Strassburger family as the Circus Mikenie in Belgium when bombs began falling around their hotel.

Son Tommy, of Woodall Street, Cradley Heath, said: "He managed to escape from Ostend on one of the very last sailings with



his brother Johnny, a lion tamer and rider, and sister Cissie, a lion, dog and horse trainer. He had to lose his best horse, though. He was that angry when he got back that they'd had to leave the best horses, he enlisted.

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James served in the Royal Air Force for six-and-a-half years, making his way up the ranks to sergeant during service in Palestine, Crete, Italy and Greece.

After they were demobbed, brothers James and Johnny teamed up again in 1946 with Major Russell's Continental Express Circus. The tapes recall that a year later, James married Volanda Truzzi, making his father-in-law William Truzzi, former director of the Russian State Circus. Yolanda, whose father had a state funeral and whose ornate Russian grave features lion statues, had her own footjuggling act.

As James and Johnny's reputation as great bareback horse ridges and

As James and Johnny's reputation as great bareback horse riders and performers grew, they set up their own Kayes Brothers' Circus from 1948-1957, working in England and Ireland. James then moved into the fairground world.

He would return to the sawdust ring in the 1980s in a pink tailcoat and top hat as ringmaster for Robert Brothers' circus at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. "They knew his reputation and asked him to come out of retirement," Tommy added.

In 2001 James received a Lifetime Achievement.4ward from The World's Fair. He died in 2004, aged 86.



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Husband took identity of wife's dead cousin

A WOMAN smuggled her illegal immigrant husband into the country and claimed almost £40,000 in fraudulent benefits after he took on the name of a dead cousin to hide his true identity, a

dead cousin to hide his true identity, a court heard.

Julie Ledgister, of Dudley, received a total of £38,857 in income support, council tax and housing benefits from the taxpayer by not revealing her husband lived with her.

The 43-year-old mother admitted the five-year scam at Wolverhampton Crown Court and was jailed for 18 weeks.

The court heard that Ledgister, of Ernest Road, had married her husband in the Americas in 1996. He then entered the country illegally, taking on the name of her dead cousin.

Ledgister fraudulently claimed benefits from June 2003 until she was caught in 2008.

Mr Graham Russell, prosecuting, said the benefit fraud only came to light after a Home Office investification into her husband, who applied for a passport under the cousin's name.

Recorder Mr Stephen Thomas said that the offence had been "fraudulent from the outset" and said it was clear there had been no question at all of her living in poverty.

He told her: "What you did essentially was steal a arge sum of money from the families who pay their taxes by going out to work.

Comfortable

Comfortable

"You were enjoying a rather comfortable life on the back of the money you were not entitled to receive," he added.

He added that the offences were too serious to warrant anything other than an immediate custodial sentence.

Mr Russell said that when the Home Office discovered the passport application from Ledgister's husband was fraudulent, they alerted the council which began to investigate.

Officers discovered that he had been living with her while she was claiming benefits, submitting numerous claims for income support, council tax and housing benefits from Dudley Council over five years.

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The said that her husband had been sentenced at an earlier hearing.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said that Ledgis-ter was a woman of previous good character and was in poor health, meaning she would not find it easy serving a prison sentence.

Displays strike the target



Harvington Hall history re-enactors Sharon Hill, David Bills, Michael Tromans, David Bywater and Alan Harvey retrieve their arrows during archery practice

David Bywater and Alán Harvey retrieved:

AN HISTORIC HALL turned back the clock during a living history event to give visitors a glimpse into the past.

More than 500 people visited Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, over the Easter weekend to watch as resenactors brought the Elizabethan period back to life.

Families made the most of the blazing sunshine and watched as a light-hearted reconstruction of the battle with the Spanish Armada was performed at the historic site.

The show was a mummers play, an early form of comedy which was popular during the period, organised by the hall to show visitors the enterstainment of the age.

It was staged by the Harvington House Re-enactment Group in the

we their arrows during archery practice gardens of the hall. Staff also took people on a guided tour of the hall's historic network of priest holes, which date back to the late 1500s.

During the Elizabethan period it was treason to be a Roman Catholic riest in England but the hall's owner Humphrey Pakington was a staunch Roman Catholic and arranged for the hiding places to be built into the hall. They were so successful no priest was ever discovered. The places of concealment still exist at the hall today and visitors are allowed to enter.

Staff from the hall said the weekend of events had been very successful. Hall manager Sherida Breedon said: "More than 500 people have been to the hall over the Easter weekend which is absolutely brilliant."

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Crystal site proposal for archives

PLANS for a new £6 million centre for Dudley and Sandwell's archives will be lodged with council chiefs in mid-May.

Dudley Council has earmarked the former Royal Brierley Crystal site in Tipton Road for the development.

Tipton Road for the development.

It was announced that plans to build the new base at the Black Country Living Museum had been axed in February after land was deemed to be unsuitable.

It is hoped that the centre will opened in April 2013. Under the plans, the Royal Brierley Crystal building will be demolished.

First electric sportscar set to hit circuit

THE world's first electric racing sportscar, made by a Black Country firm, makes its track debut in August. Dudley's Westfield Sportscars Ltd, of Dudley Road, Kingswinford, is taking customers on a world tour, for six to 10 races in the UK, USA and Europe.

Westfield, which recently signed a £30million-a-year deal with Malaysian firm DRB-HICOM, is the first firm to create the high-nowered racing electric sportscars.

powered racing electric sportscars.

Managing director Julian Turner said he believed the new kind of cars were "the future" of racing driving. "The thing is, there's a lot more torque – you can go from nought to 60 in a much faster time as you've got instant power, whereas traditional cars are gear-based.

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"We've developed some very clever programming to make this possible. It is the future – more and more manufacturers will start to create these kind of cars, and we just want to make sure we're ahead of the pack."

Mr Turner, aged 33, of Kingswinford, took over in December 2006, and has worked to build it up. Unfortunately, he said, he took over just before the recession took hold and banks refused to lend to fund the project.

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"We had no help from any of the banks at all — no overdraft facility, no loans, nothing," he said. "We were faced with the position where we had to find all the funding for this project ourselves, which we



Westfield sales and marketing manager Simon Westwood, left, and managing director Julian Turner with their Sport EV road car, left, and an equivalent petrol-powered car

did through our shareholders." Another problem was legislation. He said designers found themselves in the unusual situation of having to make the car louder. It's extremely quiet so we have had to design noise into it," he said.

"This was to meet health and safety legislation. We carried out a test at our site where we drove along behind someone walking, and they didn't even know we were there. Pedestrians quite often rely

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RATED **ENERGY** on their hearing to tell it cars are there, so we needed to make sure there was some kind of noise." After battling red tape to get cars to EU specifications and registered as road vehicles, Westfield have sold 70 in the past year. There are two models available to buy – the Sport EV, a road car, and the I-Racer. Mr Turner said developing technology proved to be the catalyst for great things to come. After the unveiling of the car, the Malaysian deal got underway and was signed at the beginning of this year.

this year.

This will mean the firm will be tripling production, not only bringing £30million a year revenue to the region, including Westfield and its suppliers, most of which are based in the Black Country – but will also mean the firm will double its workforce.

Location

Mr Turner said recruitment of 35.50 new workers would begin towards the end of the year, when production is due to begin. Expansion will see Westfield move from its current home on the Gibbons Industrial Estate, where it has been since 1982, to a bigger location. Mr Turner said he would look at staying in the Black Country, and in Dudley if possible — but he warned that if business rates were not competitive, he would be forced to move elsewhere. "We're a company that's in the position of being able to move anywhere in the country at the moment," he said. "There are a lot of people who would bite our arm off if we moved to their area."

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Parents in tribute to tragic son

THE devastated parents of a Black Country mechanic who died following a car crash today said they hoped his death would have a "steadying influence" on young drivers. Tim Morris, aged 22, of Turners Hill Road, Lower Gornal, died at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hopitical on April 13, five days

Elizabeth Hospital on April 13, five days after the smash in Tipton Road, Sedgley.

Fellow passenger and friend, 24-year-old Daniel Eales, also died.

met. "We are proud of our son and his achievements as a mechanic and we take some consolation from the fact he lived his short life to the full

lived his short in a conful.

"His friends, his work and his cars were his life, in more recent times he had settled down and was enjoying a caring relationship.

Serious

"Passengers in a vehicle are very vulner-able, no-one is invincible and we can only hope that Tim's death will have a steadying influ-ence on all young drivers.

ence on all young drivers.

He will be in our hearts forever."

The tribute follows an inquest being opened and adjourned at Dudley Coroner's Court.

A post mortem revealed Mr Morris had died from serious head

died from serious head injuries.

An 18-year-old woman, who was also in the car, suffered minor injuries, and the 21-year-old driver was hospitalised with arm injuries.

Police are appealing for witnesses. Call them on 0345 113 5000.



Me and My Girl at village school



Ricky Dowell, aged 27, who plays Bill, and Mel Glazzard, 29, who plays Sally

A TALE of love, laughter

A TALE of love, laughter and happy-ever-after will be played out on stage in Kinver.

Members of the Kinver Light Operatic Society are preparing to take to the stage for a production of Me and My Girl which runs from May 9 to 14 at Edgeeliff High School in the village.

The show features a number of well-known tunes including The Sun Has Got His Hat On and Leaning On The Lamppost.

post.
Teachers Ricky
Dowell and Mel Glazzard take on the lead
roles of Bill and Sally

who plays Sally
Group member
Dorothy Wilson said: "It is about a cockney lad called Bill who inherits a fortune and comes into property. His new family want him to give up his girlfriend. We have been in rehearsals for three months and they are going very well."
The group has around 90 members including 23 juniors and around

23 juniors and around 40 are expected to be involved in this production.
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John's Church in Upper Church Lane, has been blessed and people can now pay £2 to have a cross hung from the branches in memory of a rel-ative or friend.

Crosses will remain in the tree for a month as a way of remembering someone who has recently died or to mark an anniversary. The memorial tree was the brainchild of Councillor Beatrice Owen, member for Princes End, "Tipton. She said: "The crosses are made from card-board and hung with wire and can be bought from the church. "People can put names on them or witherem the or witherem the country of the country of the church." for a month as a

whatever they wish, then they are hung from the

branches. "We have already put up about about 80 and have made about £200."



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A SHOP worker in the Black Country gave more than £1,200 worth of goods to customers without scanming them at the till, a court heard.

Sara Legister, aged 19, carried out the scam at TK Maxx in the Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill.

She passed on clothes and electrical items to the customers on three separate occasions. Bosses became suspicious when they noticed some of the accounts did not add up and studied CCTV footage, Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates.

Store bosses saw her twice "under-ringing" and "free-bagging" on another occasion, he said.

Under-ringing involves only charging a customer for some items from a basket, while free-bagging means putting goods straight into their carrier bag without scanning anything.

Mr Cooper said the store was now trying to recoup the £1,253 value of the goods from Legister, of Kirkham Way, Tipton.

When interviewed after being arrested on her 19th birthday, she told police she did not know any of the customers involved.

Jamaica

But she told them the items were being sent to "a third party in Jamaica", Mr Cooper added.

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said there was "more to the situation" but Legister had refused to name the people she had

nad refused to name the people sne had served.

Legister, who is due to start a perform-ing arts degree at London Metropolitan University in September, lives with her parents, the court heard.

parents, the court heard.
She had insisted on taking full responsibility for the crime, Mr Vahey said, and has since lost her job.
He said: "She was clearly under pressure from other people to carry this out."
The three incidents took place between August 2010 and April 15 this year, the court was told.
Legister pleaded guilty to fine the court was told.

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Legister pleaded guilty to fraud by abuse of her position when she appeared in court yesterday.

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Golf balls peril sparks row over safety nets



Brooke Thornton-Cartwright and parents Andy and Joanne who say that they are afraid to allow Brooke to play outside their home for fear of her being hit by the balls which fly over from the neighbouring golf course

A BLACK Country mother says that she is terrified to let her daughter play in their garden in case she is hit by golf balls from a

case site is fine by goin bans from a neighbouring course.
Joanne Thornton-Cartwright, of Rowley Regis, said when she bought her home next to the course in August developers Bellway Homes said golf nets would be erected to prevent balls from Rowley Regis Golf Club landing in their garden.

nets would be retreated to prevent bains from Rowley Regis Golf Club landning in their garden.

She added despite numerous phone calls, letters and emails to developers work has yet to be done.

Mrs Thornton-Cartwright said she is frightened to let 10-year-old daughter Brooke play in the garden of their Portway Road home.

She said husband Andy's car and the PVC frame of a house window have already been hit by balls.

She said: "If someone gets hit by the golf balls they could be killed, they come over at such a speed."

"Also I don't know who would pay for it if one of the windows were smashed."

Fencing

Fencing

She added: "It is particularly frustrating when the weather is nice because we are scared to sit out."
Golf club owner John Broadhurst said: "Since they started building the

houses three years ago we warned them it would be a health and safety problem and they said a net or a fence

would go up.
"It is their responsibility as the golf course was there first.
"I was there when they said they

would do it."

He has now decided to erect a subsidiary net and look into planting trees to protect the houses.

He said: "It will cost me around £7,000, to do it, and it is not my responsibility, it is that of Bellway Homes."

Bellway Homes spokeswoman Julian Kenyon said: "The erection of any specialist fencing between the Bellway development and the golf course was not part of any planning or contractual obligation."



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use knife threat to victim

ROBBERS used a knife to threaten a man before ordering him to hand over his wallet and gold

victim walking along the canal towpath near Firs Indus-trial Estate, Kiddermin-

ster, at 3.30pm on Monday, April 25. The man, in his 40s, became aware of the two became aware of the two men following him from the direction of Stour-port. As he approached a bridge leading to the industrial estate they shouted for him to stop. One had a knife and ordered him to hand over his four gold rings. They also took a black leather wallet containing around

wallet containing around £170. The thieves then walked off back towards Stourport.

Unshaven

The thieves were both white men aged in their

40s.

One was around 6ft lin, of heavy build and unshaven. He was wearing a hoop earring in his right ear. The other man was tanned and also of heavy build, around 6ft 2in and had brown hair which was short at the back and sides but longer on top. Detective Sergeant Pete Wheeler said: "The presence of a knife, although not used, adds to the seriousness of this offence."

Robbers Violet clocks up her century



Violet Wassell with son Tom, his wife Angela and carer Sonya Stackhouse

CRADLEY HEATH resident Violet Wassell celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family. She lives at Valley Court Nursing Home and reached the landmark birthday on Easter Monday. To celebrate, family and friends threw the mother-of-one a party at the home in Valley Road.

Son Tom Wassell, aged 63, of

Lawnswood Road, Lower Gornal, said:
"We're all very proud of her. She has
always been very fit but in the past 12

Lawnswood Road, Lower Gornal, said:
Mrs Wassell, who has lived at Valley
Court for about three years, used to be
a keen gardener.

months she has slowed down. We were concerned she wasn't going to make it. So we're over the moon. To reach 100 is very impressive."

Mrs Wassell was born and raised in Derby End, Netherton.
She married husband Richard in 1940 and then moved to Birch Crescent, Tividale. Richard, known as Dick, died in 1990.

MP adds backing to clean town

TRADERS have held talks on how to tackle metal theft.

tackle metal theft, graffiti and littering in a town centre. H a l e s o w e n Chamber of Trade, including chairman Steve Fitzpatrick, met police and Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris to talk about cutting metal thefts, vandalism, and how firms, po lice and Mr Morris could helpmanage problems in future. Mr Morris will lobby

iture. Mr Morris will lobby

Mr Morris will lobby Home Office minister James Brokenshire on tackling metal theft. Residents were encouraged to do extra litter picks around the town following the talks

Hurting

Tony Billingham, who runs Carlton Care Group based in the town, said: "It was a town, said: "It was a very useful meeting, particularly in relation to littering and health and safety."

Mr Fitzpatrick added: "The meeting went very well and the initiatives to come out were promising."

were promising."
Mr Morris said:
"Local traders are the

"Local traders are the heartbeat of the community in Halesowen. "I am keen to create a consensus around tackling ongoing issues such as metal theft and littering, which are hurting business for local traders."

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Hundreds interested in retirement homes

MORE than 700 people have expressed an interest in moving into 204 homes at two new retirement villages being built

retirement villages being built in Dudley. Housing association Midland Heart in conjunction with Dudley Council is building a £16million assisted living development for mature people in Russells Hall and an £8million project in Coseley. Both are due to open to residents later this year and bosses say there is no shortage of people hoping to move onto the new sites which will feature facilities like hair salons and a library.

new sites which will feature facilities like hair salons and a library.

Councillor David Simms, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "The council's partner, Midland Heart is currently reaching the final stages in developing the borough's first extra housing schemes in Coseley and Dudley.

"Both schemes are on target to complete this summer with residents moving in soon sfeet the com-

dents moving in soon after the com-pletion."

Gym

He added: "So far, more than 700 people have registered their interest in living at either Willowfields in Coseley or Broad Meadow, Russells Hall, Dudley."
The Russells Hall scheme will have 132 apartments and will be aimed at the over 55s, while the Coseley scheme will be made up of 72 apartments.

apartments.

Both will be run by Midland Heart and residents will have access to communal facilities, such as a hair and beauty salon, a gym and a library Dudley residents will be able to

Dudley residents will be able to choose whether to rent, buy or partbuy their new property. Around 70 jobs including care assistants and team leaders to head chefs and kitchen assistants will be created. Across the borough council chiefs want to open five extra care housing schemes. Talks are currently under way to discuss whether the former Cradley High School site off Homer Hill in Cradley, Halesowen, could be transformed into a third development.

Friends stage 11th tribute to Chris



Paying tribute to Chris Braham, inset, who died aged 27, are front from left, Andy Forsyth, Leroy Simon and his brother Roy Braham and, back, Pat Bristow and Jon Pincher

FRIENDS of a musician who died aged 27 of heart failure have staged the 11th annual charity gig in his memory.

memory.

More than 200 people flocked to the Lamp Tavern in Dudley to remember Chris Braham.

Friends including Andy Foresth

ing Andy Forsyth and Chris's brothers Carlton and Roy have raised more than £5.000 for the British

for the British Heart Foundation with the events since his death. Mr Forsyth, 37, drummer with rock group Mani-toba, said: "Chris was a really was a really popular bloke. The

popular bloke. The gigs are always popular." Chris, of The Broadway, Dudley, died of an undiag-nosed heart condi-tion after collapsing while playing for Hill Tavern in 2000. Along with Man-itoba, bands including Empty

including Empty Can, Plymouth

Can, Plymouth
Superbird,
Pincher/Pye and
Lazy J performed
at the pub.
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unveilling of a
£30,000 refurbishment at the pub.

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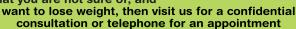
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Grass Roots Football Show is back for 2011 and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

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The Grass Roots football family have shown their support since the show launched in 2005 with over 60,000 attendees making it is the biggest event of its kind in Europe.

2011 is set to be the biggest yet with new show ambassador Robbie Savage being joined by a host of the biggest names in football. The Derby County and former Welsh international has developed a keen interest in football coaching and the development of junior football as he comes to the end of his illustrious career.

to the end of his illustrious career. He said: "This is the best show of its kind in Britain and deserves an ever greater platform and profile.

Opportunity

"I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out on the grass roots footballing ladder. It is vital that all young children in this country – boys and girls – are given the very best coaching development as they grow up. "This show encourages the development of coaches and of best coaching practice. Most of all, its vital that our youngsters enjoy playing football and are encouraged to continue playing the game at adult level too.

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"This show offers an opportunity for all of
the thousands of coaches and those
involved in the grass roots game to meet
up with the professionals and learn and
showcase new skills, coaching clinics and
be educated and entertained.
"I have the utmost admiration and
respect for all the junior football coaches
who devote their time, money and energies
into giving our young people a chance to
play organised football."

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns, said; "Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event and we can't wait to get started.

"This year we have more coaches, more experts, more players and greater participation and we aim to reinforce the Grass Roots Football Show as the must attend event for coach education and development in the U.K. We are urging all of the football ramily to come and get involved, have fun and learn from the very best football people." ball people."
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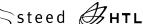
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Birthday joy for great-great-granny Nellie



Nellie Hunt celebrates her birthday with, back from left, Chris Jinks, Catherine Sharp, Ron Sharp, Robert Sharp and Anita Sharp and, front, Norman Hunt and wife Valerie

her family.
Staff at The Woodlands Care Home in
Wollaston, Stourbridge, staged a surprise
party for Mrs Hunt, who has lived there for 13 years.

Her son Norman, two grandsons, Robert and Glenn, and great-granddaughter Catherine all turned out to enjoy a glass of

It was cheers all round as Nellie Hunt fizz and some cake. The former shop celebrated her 100th birthday with her family.

Brokfields, Winson Green.

Active

Her husband Leonard, who died 25 years ago, painted motorcycles at the New Hudson factory in Summer Hill Street,

Birmingham.

When he served with the Royal Engineers during the Second World War, Mrs

Nellie Hunt on an AJS motorcycle in 1930 when she was about 19 years old



Nellie Hunt with her husband Leonard on holiday in Eastbourne in 1958. Sadly, Mr Hunt died 25 years ago

Hunt went back to her job at a shop selling household products in Brookfields. In later life she moved to Great Barr but would travelt ose family in Stourbridge.

Her son, Norman, 78, said: "She was always very active and It think that is why she has reached 100. She would ring my wife to meet her in a cafe in Stourbridge.

She had travelled all the way from Great Barr – and she did that until she was at

Sne had travelled all the way from Great Barr – and she did that until she was at least 86."

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TECHNOLOGY

dazzles at s

nal success and further established the show at the NEC as the UK's leading consumer tech-nology event.

nology event.

The show attracted a mobile phone gaming party record attendance figure of 104,759 with around 20,000

The Gadget Show Live also hosted the first UK viewing of the show was onen to the public.

Based on the popular Five television programme, The Gadget Show Live, the event had over 200 exhibitors showcasing thousand of products.

200 exhibitors showcasing thou-sands of products. Visitors trialled exciting gad-getry and had the chance to inter-act with the latest in 3D, gaming, tech transport and the latest tablets to rival – or under cut in price – the highly desirable iPad.

Those attending the show also experienced technology of the future in the Future Tech Zone, with everything from eye and mind control gaming through to augmented reality and truly wire-less technology for the home on

less technology for the home on display. More than 67,500 people attended the Super Theatre, which accommodated just under 4,500 visitors three times daily. Presenters from the TV show, Jason Bradbury, Wolverhampton's Suzi Perry, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and Pollyanna Woodward gave a high-energy per-

One of iRobot's Roomba cleaners

Live last month proved a phenomeexclusively for Pollyanna. Several World Records were

smashed at this year's show, including the world's lightest touch-screen mobile phone, awarded to sWaP and the largest

hosted the first UK viewing of several eagerly anticipated games including DIRT3 from Codemasters (released May 24), the new Duke Nukem game from 2K games and EA's Need for Speed: Shift 2 Unleashed. The first up-to-28mph street legal e-bicycle, the Grace E Bike was also launched in the UK at the show, Personal Projector showed their new pico range and Wacom had an exclusive preview of their new Stylus Bamboo range for the iPad.

University

The University of Wolverhamp-ton was represented at the show for the second year and were a part of the exciting new possibi-ities in 3D technology, which were a major element of the show.

Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear 'stereo

snow.
Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear 'stereo shutter glasses' and test their skills at forklift truck driving in a 3d virtual reality environment.
Academics and students on architecture and design courses have developed stereoscopic 3D virtual environments so buildings can be explored before they are even built.
Two interactive robots developed by lecturers for budding computer engineers to learn theory hands-on and a console-controlled

console-controlled airship designed by final year student Ed Wilson were also on



Crowds of gadget lovers tried out the latest tech

Crowds of gadget lovers

Tablets, apps and 3D were the hottest topics across the show. There was a lot of interest in the budget but good looking tablet computers from View Quest and Elonex, which aim to make tablets affordable enough for one per family member rather than one tablet per household.

Gadgets guru Tom Dunmore previewed some of the amazing applications (apps) coming our way and predicted the triumph of the Android market across several tech platforms. It is currently mostly used by mobile

rently mostly used by mobile phone users and gives access to 30,000 apps, from maps to barcode readers to games. He previewed an instant translation app which you can hold in front of foreign writing, near field com-munication to find

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Among the quirkier items were
California's NeuroSky with their
Mindwave headset which allows
the user to interact with a programme using their minds, pioneering the ultimate form of
hands-free garning. The wider
future of this most sci-fi type of
tech, based on brainwave
reading medical equipment, is
mind-boggling with such projects as mind-controlled wheelchairs being developed.
And for those who hat he houwork, iRobot's range of vacuum-

work, iRobot's range of vacuum-cleaning bots, which sense the environment around them and can do the vacuuming whilst you are out, were a welcome innova-

The Slate 3, View Quest's first sub £200 'Android

Leon Burakowski



Support fire service staff sickness shock

Midlands fire service took almost twice the number of sick days as front-line firefighters, it emerged today.

While uniformed firefight

While uniformed firefighters took an average of 5.27 days off sick each last year, which was fewer than their bosses expected, control staff and other workers lost 9.12 days each days each. The fire service expected to

lose an average of 5.5 days for each worker. West Midlands Fire

West Midlands Fire Service employs 2,403 staff in total and around 2,000 of that number are firefighters.

It means that non-uniformed staff accounted for around 3,500 days of lost time in 2010/11. The overall average for staff sickness was 6.15 days. An annual plan by the service states: "This challenging target will be achieved through better understanding and targetting of the reasons for absence."

Losing

Wolverhampton Conservative councillor Joan Stevenson, a member of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority said: "It is surprising that men and erson duty at some stations.

women out on the front line and in a position to sustain injury have taken virtually half the number of sick days of works in what I would call the back office. We have to try to understand what exactly it is that has caused this?"

this."
The fire authority is losing 17.7 million from its government grant this year followed by a further £2.5 million in 2012/13. It has set aside £112m as a budget. It is feared that as many as 800 firefighters' jobs could go.

The meeting on May 26 will be held in Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue at 8pm.

When the Severn was key to trading

A TALK on the River Severn will be entertain-ing members of Clent History Society later this month

Dr Malcolm Dixon will Dr Malcolm Dixon will be speaking about trows, or cargo boats, which travelled down the river during the early 20th century. They were able to transport all kinds of goods between Shrewsbury and Bristol and along the coasts of along the coasts of Devon, Cornwall and South Wales.

Hundreds miss out Authors at library A SERIES of talks by bercent of the total 3,531 Dudley pupils were offered beloates at one of their preferred schools. New figures show that 386 youngsters illed to secure a spot at their top choice shool for September. Around 90 per cent of children—or 3,145—rere allocated their first choice while 95 per cent of the total 3,531 Dudley pupils were offered at libraries across a Black Country borough to mark Big Black Country borough to mark Big Black Fortnight next way of their preferred schools." This means 174 pupils were offered the Black Country borough to mark Big month. Kicking off the event on May 14, children of 3,357 – were offered a place at one of their preferred schools." Pressure

missed out on their first choice primary

missed out on their first choice primary school, it has emerged.

New figures show that 386 youngsters failed to secure a spot at their top choice school for September.

Around 90 per cent of children – or 3,145 – were allocated their first choice while 95 per cent – or 3,357 – were offered a place at one of their five preferred schools.

Afurther 174 pupils were allocated to their closest school because there was no room at their preferred schools or no application was made.

made.
Parents had until January 17 to submit their applications and can now appeal if they do not agree with the decision the council has

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Around 90 per cent of children were

"This means 174 pupils were offered the closest school with a place available either because they failed to make an application or we were unable to accommodate them at any of their preferred schools."

The figures have been released after it was revealed that hundreds of extra classroom places are needed across the Black Country and Staffordshire for September because of a baby boom putting pressure on schools. In Wolverhampton, 339 children failed to secure a spot at their top choice school. Figures show 88 per cent of children were successful in securing their top choice out of 2,822 applications made to the city council.

Revisiting the '80s to help Callum, 17



Members of band Kick Up the 80s Dean Lath-bury, front, with back Anthony Green, Justin Hyde and Martin Dolman get ready for their fundraising gig

A CELEBRATION of music from the 1970s and 80s will be held in the Black Country to raise cash for a BMX rider paralysed in an accident.

Hits from both decades will be performed by two bands at the River Rooms in Mill Race Lane. Stourbridge, on May 15. Proceeds will be donated towards the continuing care and recuperation of 17-year-old Callum Loveridge, of Wollaston.

He was left paralysed from the neck down after a crash last year.

Events will start at the River Rooms from 3pm with a performance by band The 7 Teez who will be performing hits such as Disco Inferno, YMCA and Tiger Feet.

Support family

Face painting and a bouncy castle will also be set up in the afternoon, and there will be stalls selling hot and cold food. Events will then continue from 6pm when band A Kick Up the 80s takes to the stage.

The event has been organised by bosses at the venue to support the Cal4U charity, set up by Callum's family and friends to raise cash for the teenager's care.

Callum s taming and mends to raise cash for the teenager's care.

Tickets are £5 each for the afternoon and evening shows and can be purchased from the River Rooms on 01384 397177.

An all-day ticket, priced £8, will also be available. Drummer for both bands Martin Dolman

said: "We are asking people to support the event so we can raise as much money as possible to help in Callum's care."

Centro ringing changes on buses

TAXPAYER-funded bus services in the Black Country have changed with some

Black Country have changed with some scrapped due to low passenger numbers. Centro has cut the amount of money it makes available to pay bus operators from £8.6 million to £8.1 million in order to lessen the burden on councils which pay its running costs.

ay its running costs.
But some services are eing extended following

being extended following passenger requests.
Changes in the Black Country came into effect from Easter Sunday.
On the 19 bus the last service will now run at 6pm from Walsall and 17.27 from Bloxwich instead of on the hour up to 110m.

instead of on the hour up to 11pm.

The 404A will terminate at Blackheath instead of Cradley Heath. Passengers using the 406H West Bromwich to Scott Arms service will see the hourly section from West Bromwich to Europa Village scrapped.

The 35 from Druids Heath to Aldridge will get an extra Monday to Friday service at 6.40 am but the Sunday service is being scrapped.

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Peak time services on ne 439 Smethwick to West Bromwich route are eing reduced.

being reduced. The service will leave Smethwick at 7.02am, Shethwick at 7.02am, 8.02am, 4.02pm, 5.02pm and 6.02pm, and West Bromwich at 7.35am, 8.35am, 4.35pm and 5.35pm, and will be operated by Central Buses. The Sunday journey on the 908 leaving Bloxwich at 5.28am is being scrapped and passengers will have to take the 10 from Rushall to Walsall

nstead.
The 74 will no longer travel through Chuckery Walsall.

to Walsall.

The 23 Bloxwich to White Horse Road via Brownhills will still run hourly but the timetables will be the same Monday to Friday as on Saturdays, with services after 1pm on the hour.

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In a letter to staff chief executive Paula Clark said: "The trust and Inter-

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Jessica arrives in a bathroom

A COUPLE feared the worst when their baby daughter was born seven weeks prema-ture in a bathroom at a Black Country hos-

But baby Jessica Atkinson is now a picture of

But baby Jessica Atkinson is now a picture of health and back safely in her mother's arms. Sarah Davis, aged 34, was about to go home from Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital after it seemed her labour pains had been a false alarm. But a routine visit to the toilet was more dramatic than expected and led to her giving birth on April 9.

Miss Davis's partner, Dave Atkinson, 37, said: "It's amazing that out of all that panic we are now left with a beautiful little girl." Doctors spent five minutes resuscitating Jessica after she was born, as she was struggling to breathe.

She was then taken straight to an incubator and stayed there for eight days. Jessica weighed just 31b floor, but has since gone up to 41b 50z and is looking "much healthier", Mr Atkinson said.

The couple, of Bradley Street, Brierley Hill, are now focusing on "being a family" and recently took

now focusing on "being a family" and recently took Jessica outside in a pram for the first time.



Sarah Davis and Dave Atkinson with their daughter Jessica

More council staff agree to equal pay settlement

MORE than 500 extra workers at Dudley Council have now accepted new wage offers, accepted new wage offers, together worth more than £5million, which have been made to settle a long-running

pay row.

Dudley Council has already settled with 1,937 people at a cost of £9.4m.

The move was part of its equal

The move was part of its equal pay offers to bring women's wages in line with men's.

And another 1,300 offers worth more than £10.4m were made to workers at the end of last year. Figures show that some 550 of that round of offers have now been accepted.

accepted.

But council bosses have also confirmed that two "collective"

cases, involving 950 workers, are being considered at an employment tribumal.

Council bosses have urged people to think carefully about the offers being made, and public sector union Unison has been monitoring the situation. Union solicitors have issued advice to people on a case-by-case basis over whether to accept offers.

Offers

Unison branch secretary Steve Beardsmore said: "Union officials are working with workers to decide what is the best option for them."
Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "With regards to equal pay, 1,301 new offers were made during December 2010.

"Since then 556 offers have been accepted at a cost of £5.2 million.
"There are two collective equal pay cases in progress at an employment tribunal, with another case in the tribunal system pending the resolution of the first two cases."

The two cases each involve a group of workers and could be held in September say union chiefs.
They were due to be held earlier this year but were postponed.
Councils across the region are attempting to deal with the issue of equal pay. The move was demanded by the former Labour government 13 years ago.
Wolverhampton City Council has set a target of a year in which to resolve its equal pay dispute.

Still time to be in musical

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BIRMINGHAM'S New Alexandra Theatre will be staging a production of Bugsy Malone as part of this summer's Stage Experience scheme.

The theatre has been running the programme for the last nine years, offering youngsters between the ages of nine and 21 the opportunity to take part in a professional performance.

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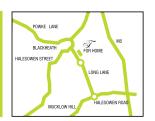
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Doreen's story

I have so much to thank Mr Burchell or . . . his advice and wonderful treat-

ment.
I had a history of problems with my own teeth and received a lot of treat-ment in hospital. The implants I were ment in hospital. The implants I were advised to consider have been wonderful, but I found it a difficult decision to make. I hadn't heard of the procedure for dentures, but how glad I am that I took Mr Burchell's advice.

To say I am pleased with my new teeth is an understatement. They are absolutely perfect and a pleasure to wear. I love to show them off. The difference the implants make to the security of the denture is simply unbelievable, it really is life-changing for me.

I found Mr Burchell's expertise

I found Mr Burchell's expertise second to none and he went to so much trouble to make each visit to the clinic a pleasure.

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Life has changed dramatically. The



dentures are so stable I no longer have to cut an apple to eat it. Another great benefit is that I don't have to continu-

ally wash my dentures.
I can understand how people would feel nervous about having implants. I am 81 and certainly don't feel too old to invest in such a life-changing expe-

Peter's story

I can eat anything, but that's not

Having read good reports of Mr Buchell's reputation at fabricating realistic, natural-looking, well-fitting dentures, I made an appointment to

dentures, I made an appointment to see him.

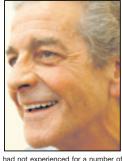
On my first consultation I explained the difficulty I was having in stopping my lower dentures from moving around and not being retained in a comfortable position.

He suggested I visited implant dentist Jonathan Pugh to determine if I would be suitable for the procedure. I agreed, but not without reservation due to procedure involved. My consultation with Mr Pugh was professional and reassuring and the X-rays he took showed I had sufficient bone to support two implants which could secure my lower denture. secure my lower denture.

The insertion of the implants was painless – no different to having a

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-crafted dentures, securing them to the

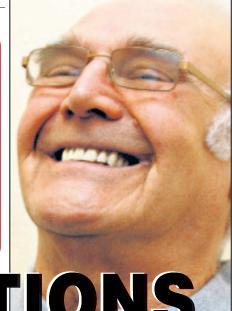
They were a superb fit, a situation I suitable choice might be on the menu



had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confi-

dent I was making the right decision.

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Terry's story

I'm a confident guy, you know, nothing really keeps me down – even when things are not good. But I had nine years of trouble with my teeth and eventually it began to erode my confidence.
I would never have believed it; I'd have a laugh about it, but it really isn't funny when you have unresolved problems with false teeth.
My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit proferly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using

the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now Lan tackle anything. Previously. I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentits and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money—what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural. To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to. the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now

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Plans for widening route go

PLANS to widen a busy road linking the Black Country with Birming-ham have been shelved – after £100,000 was spent

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after £100,000 was spent on a business case proposing the scheme.

Sandwell and Birmingham City Council want £16million from Government to carry out the work on the A457 Dudley Road, near to the junction with Heath Street.

Street.
An initial business case was turned down and the authority had hoped to resubmit a strengthened case this

year.
But exactly when this will happen is still uncer-

tain.
The Government has

The Government has imposed a freeze on major capital grant transport schemes. "The money has not been wasted," said the council's assistant developer strategy officer David Ball. "There has been an "There has been an

"We have got a case and it's a strong case," he added.

auuea. "But we're in the hands of Government."



Pupils pick up litter award

in Tipton are celebrating after

mining an award.
Tipton Litter Watch presented staff and pupils with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for their commitment to raising awareness about environmental

issues.
Pupils have created allotments in the academy grounds where they grow a range of vegetables and the next step is to set up community allotments for local people to come and relearn old skills.

A community orchard is also

being established and the first apple trees have been planted at the school in Gospel Oak Road.

The academy's biodiversity group is busy creating habitats to encourage a wide range of species to take up residence on site. The pupils are also learning to cook and the Healthy Eating Action Group is encouraging students to reflect on their diet.

Food waste is composted and used on the allotments and a vegetable box scheme is being introduced for parents and staff.

The Environmental Action

Group at the school has written an Eco-Code which has been shared across the academy com-munity. The curriculum is also being reviewed to identify oppor-tunities for integrating environ-mental issues.

Tipton Litter Watch stated the school has demonstrated a real commitment to creating an envi-ronmentally sustainable learning community.

ommunity. Tipton Litter Watch is an award

winning community-led environ mental charity funded by Sandwell council.

How to foil takeaway vandals

A DUDLEY takeaway of thousands of pounds repairing damage done by vandals has permission to instal steel shutters provided he paints them a "nice colour".

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Glass making seeks clearer route ahead

↓ LASS is synonymous with Dudley and Stourbridge, where it has been made for around 400 years. The area has been home to world famous glass companies, around 400 years. The area has been home to world famous glass companies, including Royal Brierley and Stuart Crystal, and is such an iconic part of the borough that even Stourbridge's football team are known as the Glassboys.

Now individuals are keeping glass making alive in the area, with help from the Contemporary Glass Society which promotes the work of glass artists from across the world and organises glass exhibitions and conferences. But the society has now suffered a shattering blow.

It can trace its history back for 400 years, but glass making in the Stourbridge and Dudley areas has been dealt a shattering blow. Alex Wainwright reports

The society will receive finding only until 2012, and says it is deeply disagned.



Janet Hendry of the British Glass Foundation and Will Farmer of Fieldings Auctioneers with items from a recent auction in Stour-bridge which raised funds for the preservation of the industry.

help promote this heritage.
The society will receive funding only until 2012, and says it is deeply disappointed with the decision.
Society chairman Victoria Scholes says:
"We are very frustrated. We have worked so hard and all our members are very pleased with the work that we do.
"Dudley has such a heritage in glass making and it's really important to keep hold of that he itage."

The society received regular funding from the Arts Council for six years. It costs around £72,000 per year to run, so the cuts amount to more than two-thirds of the money it needs.

The decision came after budget cuts meant Arts Council England was forced to make a 6.6 per cent reduction in West Midlands spending over four years.

Connecting

The society began in 1997 and is based at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford. It is the largest network of glass makers in the UK, with almost 700 members, and provides vital services for the glass community by promoting the work of artists and connecting them through its website.

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It allows artists to create member profiles where they can post pictures, give information about their work and supply contact details and links to their own websites. The society also promotes online exhibitions where artists can put forward pictures of their work, and judges pick the best pieces.

Glass has been manufactured in the borough for more than 400 years, and the iconic glass cones can still be seen in the area. It began here in the 17th century when refugee gentlemen glassmakers from France settled,



Charles Hajdamach with a commission at Broadfield Glass Museum in Kingswinford, 20001 a Human Oddity by David Reekie

also grateful that the money flowed for as long as it did, given that glass is such a specialist area. "It's a very unfortunate situation. There is no other organisation like it.

other organisation like it.

"If people don't get the chance to experiment
there will be no opportunity to create new techniques and life will become bland. The world would
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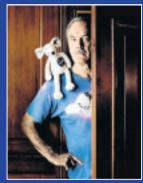
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BE prepared for a theatrical roller-coaster ride as the master of psychologi-cal illusion returns to the stage in Birming-ham with a brand new show Derren Brown:

snow Derren Brown: Svengali. With 73 dates so far confirmed across the UK, including ten at Birming-ham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, Derren argin sets out to Derren again sets out to show why he is one of the world's most renowned ive performers; a master of magic, mind control and manipulation. This is nis fifth tour and is expected to sell out as quickly as Derren Brown: Enigman. The mind-bending per-

former said: "I love writing and performing the stage shows more than anything. It'll be a full evening of mindmelting based around audience participation. More than that I wouldn't

want to say.
"I ask audiences to keep the contents of the show a secret so as not to spoil it for others, and I

to spoil it for others, and I have to do the same. But I hope it's fun and freaky and a great night out: that's what I aim for". On stage as well as on TV Derren is in a class of his own. His Mind Control, Trick of the Mind, Trick or Treat and Events programmes have garnered rave reviews and awards. His specials

Derren's yet again playing mind games

have provoked much controversy and acclaim and further consolidated his reputation as a performer prepared to constantly challenge and break bound-

He has also received much praise for his best-selling books, Tricks of the
Mind and Confessions of

Radar tour a Big Deal a Conjuror. He has also enjoyed BRITISH and American music very rarely mix, but Big Deal may be the band to change this idea. The duo, made up of American Kacey Underwood and Brit Alice Costelloe, are the latest band to be announced on this year's NME Radar Tour, which hits Birmingham Academy 2 on May 11. The line up is completed by Grouplove and head-liner Anna Calvi, all looking to follow in the footsteps of The Killers, Friendly Fires and Bloc Party as acts who found success after the tour.

considerable success in America, when his show Derren Brown: Mind Derren Brown: Mind Control, was screened on NBC's Sci-Fi Channel. In January 2011 Channel 4 celebrated ten years of Derren Brown on TV with Behind The Mischief. Tickets cost £30 plus booking fee. See www.alexandratheatre.or

www.alexandratheatre.or g.uk for details

Buster hits Bullseye in canine Oliver! role

est Bromwich Operatic Society (WBOS) present Lionel Bart's hugely popular musical Oliver! at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from May 10 to 14.
Directed by Mike Capri, Oliver!

10 to 14.
Directed by Mike Capri, Oliver! stars Ben Evans from Wombourne, with Terry Gormley from Kinver as Fagin, Sarah Moors, of Sutton Coldfield as Nancy, Steve Coussens from Kidderminister as Bill Sykes, Mason Kelly from Sandwell as The Artful Dodger and Callum MacArthur from Walsall as Mr Bumble. The children's chorus is made up of youngsters from all over the area and includes members of The Grand's Get-In Youth Scheme. Children were recruited following auditions last year. The society also held auditions to find a dog to play Bullseye and the successful applicant was English bull terrier Buster. At the National Operatic and Dramatic Association Awards last week, WBOS won Best Production 2010 in the Black Country. The Society also won three top awards at this year's Birmingham & District Theatre Guild; Best Direction in a Musical went to Tim Brown and Oliver's Jesus Christ Superstar; long-standing WBOS member John Wetherall won Most Outstanding Male for his role in Beauty and The Beast. The society also socoped the top prize of Outstanding Achievement in A Musical for Beauty And The Beast. In total they were nominated for nine awards. The Duchess of Dudley Lizzle

Beauty And The Beast. In total they were nominated for nine awards. The Duchess of Dudley Lizzie Wiggins is top of the bill with Brummie comic Don Maclean for a Night At The Musical Hall, the second night of which is being held tonight (Thursday) at The Grand. It also features West Midlands entertainers Dave Sealey, ventriloquist





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8.15 5 News Weekend.

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8.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer

proves reluctant to

9.15 CSI: Miami, Horatio and

wayward daughter. (R)

10.15 CSI: NY. An old man is

10.15 CSI: NY. An old man is fatally shot in a subway, but further investigation reveals the victim is in fact a woman wearing a disguise, and the team struggles to determine her true identity.

11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A link is found between two very

found between two very

different cases. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's

Hescue Squad. (H) 4.10 Nicks Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

the team discover a

the team discover a woman's body in a secret tunnel leading to a bank vault – and the subsequent investigation leads them to a millionaire's

confess. (R)

Digital



Choice

HATTIE

BBC2, 9.45pm

Hattie Jacques. The well-worn phrase "larger than life" springs to mind whenever she's mentioned – as well as the infamous Carry On

series of films. In fact, many

people will know her only for the

roles she played in those movies, but as this drama - originally broadcast on BBC Four in January

proves, there was an awful lot more than that to the actress, who

died just over 30 years ago. She

future Dad's Army star John Le

brilliantly cast in the title role

usually played "mumsy" characters yet in real life left her husband,

Mesurier, for a younger man. It's this period of her life that forms the basis of this drama. Ruth Jones is

alongside Robert Bathurst. Aiden

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.30 Match of the Day Live. Coverage of a Championship match (Kick-off 12.45pm). 3.00 Live (Kick-off 12.45pm). 3.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders (Kick-off 3.15pm). 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.35 Don't Scare the Hare.

> 6 15 Doctor Who 7.00 So You Think You Can
> Dance Live. Cat Deeley
> introduces the

remaining contestants, who take to the stage who take to the stage once again in couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes. The results can be seen at 8.55pm.

The National Lottery:
Who Pares Wins

Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win

8.55 So You Think You Can So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.

Casualty. Jordan is forced to deal with the

aftermath of Pollv's death.

10.15 BBC News: Weather.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.
10.35 Match of the Day;
National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League
Show. Highlighits of
the final regular
weekend of the season;
Weatherview.

1.30 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 11.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage of the session at Istanbul Park (Start-time 12.00pm). 1.30 The (Start-time 12.00pm). 1.30 Ine Sky at Night. (R) 1.50 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.35 Film: Legend. (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. 4.00 Live Challenge Cup. Rughy League. Leeds Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders. **5.30** Flog It!

6.00 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience. (1971) An over-eager trade union representative calls a strike at a toilet factory, but unrest is quelled by a trip to the seaside. Comedy, starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams.

Kenneth Williams.
7.30 Dad's Army. A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea. (R)
8.00 Versailles: The Dream

of a King. Docu-drama recreating the life and loves of Louis XIV. (R) 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More

News for You.

Alexander Armstrong
hosts, with guests Ross
Noble and Victoria Coren. (R)
9.45 Hattie. Drama, starring

Ruth Jones. 11.10 This Is Your Life.

A tribute to actress Hattie Jacques. (R) 11.40 Later with Jools Holland. With Adele, R Kelly and Young the Giant. (R)

12.45 Film: Swimming with Sharks. (1994) Black comedy, starring Kevin Spacey.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 House Gift. (R) 9.25 Coronation Street. 12.10 This Morning: Saturday. 1.10 ITV News; Weather. 1.15 Monk. 2.10 News; Weather. 1.15 Monk. 2.10 Totally You've Been Framed! (R) 3.10 Film: The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) James Bond thriller, starring Roger Moore. 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New People Do the Funniest Things. Featuring a selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including the world's weiglest homes and a man who can pull trains with his

7.00 Sing if You Can. Jedward. Fave T Jedward, Faye Tozer and Sinitta take on Toyah Willcox, Ben Richards and Sian Reeves, with X Factor judge Louis Walsh among the papellists among the panellists. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host. 8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.
9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff. The Britain's Got Talent judge talks about this caper, and about his career and personal life.

personal life.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Magnum Force.
(1973) Action thriller
sequel, starring Clint
Eastwood.

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Swingtown. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV

Channel 4 Channel 5

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British GT Championship. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Koko Pop. 9.50 T4: Friends. (R) 10.25 T4: Glee. 11.20 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Down 4.25 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under, 5.30 Come Dine with Me Down Under

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. A woman hosts an Italian-themed

night.
6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 River Cottage Autumn
Collection. Highlights from the seasonal series. (R) 8.00 The Untold Battle of

Trafalgar. The role of

Iranalgar. Ine role of foreign sailors in the Royal Navy during the Battle of Trafalgar. (R)

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 Stand Up for the Week. 11.10 FILM: What Lies Beneath. (2000) Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Harrison Ford.

1.35 Atlantic. (R) 1.40 No, No, No. (R) 1.45 Lucky Escape. (R) 1.50 Gone Fishing. (R) 2.05 Ugly Betty. (R) 2.50 Running in Heels. (R) 4.25 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.15

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 10.10 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.40 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.40 Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, starring Charlton Heston. 3.50 Film: The Train Robbers. (1973) Western, starring John Wayne. 5.35 Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

4.45 Film: Twister (1996) 7.00 Superhuman Super Strong 8.00 Homes from Hell 9.00 Britain's Got More Talent 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.45 Film: The Matrix (1999)

ITV3

3.40 A Touch of Frost 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Foyle's War 11.05 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians v Delhi DareDevils. 7.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 9.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 10.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 11.00 Film: Casino

BBC THREE

(1995)

7.00 Doctor Who Confidential 7.45 Top Gear 8.45 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.45 Family Guy 10.50 Family Guy Presents: Seth and Alex's Almost Live Comedy Show 11.10 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home 9.00 Spiral 10.50 The Lighthouse Stevensons 11.50 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks

Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

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Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984) 7.15 The Simpsons Movie (2007) 9.00 Iron Man (2008) 11.20 Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

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3.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) 5.15 Star



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TACKLES

BBC2, 9pm

FOOTBALL

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.10 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Live. The fourth race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.25 Escape to the Country. 4.25 Life

5.10 Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 6.10 Land Girls. (R) 7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascape artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese knotweed Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

of Riley. (R) 4.55 Points of View

8 00 Antiques Roadshow Antiques Hoadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hutton-inthe-Forest, a country house in Cumbria, where items up for valuation include a painting that was once painting that was once

- used for target practice.

 9.00 Atlantis. Historical 9.00 Atlantis. Historical drama, starring Stephanie Leonidas and Reece Ritchie. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.25 The Gatwick Baby: Abandoned at Birth. 11.25 FILM: Irresistible.
- (2006) Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon; Weatherview

1.05 Sign Zone: MasterChef. 2.05 Holby City. 3.05 Churches: How to Read Them. 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Halifax RLFC v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 3.15pm). **5.30** Film: The Red Baron. (2008) First World War Schweighofer.

7.10 Richard Hammond's 7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. New series. The design secrets of Dubai's Burj Al Arab hotel. 8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. New series. Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pens evolors the waters

- Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain. surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon. 9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman
- Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems financial problems
 affecting English
 football, and proposes
 his own solutions to
 help the game.

 10.00 Match of the Day 2.
- Including highlights of Manchester United v
- 11.10 The Shadow Line. (R)

12.10 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.50** BBC News. **3.35** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal (R) 10.25 Sing if You Can. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.40 Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.40 Britahin's Got Talent. (R) **4.40** Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy. (2002) Homantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

6.30 Regional Programmes. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 The Cube. A penguin keeper and a 31-year-old man take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield

- 8.00 Vera. DCI Vera
 Stanhope sets out to
 solve the murder of a
 teenage girl 11 years earlier, exposing the secrets and lies of a close-knit community. Hugo Speer quest
- 10.00 ITV News at Ten:
- 10.15 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. Actor explores how a group of 1930s miners became artists. 11.15 Surgery School. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. 1.00 The Zone; ITV News. 2.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen, 5.30 ITV

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 That Paralympic Show. (R) 7.30 Tressports on 4. 755 T4: The Crush. 8.20 T4: Friends. (R) 8.50 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.20 T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) 11.55 T4: Glee. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 12.5 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 14: The Simpsons. (H) 1.55 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 2.55 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 3.30 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.30 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.30 Time Team.

- 6.30 Channel 4 News
- 7.00 Come Dine with Me.
 Four dinner-party hosts compete in east
- London.
 8.00 The Hotel. A couple's third anniversary becomes a night to forget. 9.00 FILM: How to Lose
 - Friends & Alienate
 People. (2008)
 Premiere. A selfpromoting writer lands a job at a fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff
- Bridges.

 11.10 FILM: Big Momma's
 House. (2000) Comedy,
 starring Martin Lawrence.

1.00 Japan Disaster Benefit. (R) 1.45 Film: Kontroll. (2003) 3.45 Civilization: Is the West History? (R) 4.40 Great British Brands. (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Mio Mao. (R) 7.10 Chiro. (R) 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.30 Modrk in Todaya (R) (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 7.40 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.15 Funky Valley. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Clivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McRoing Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 OK! TV Sunday. Boing, (R) 10.00 OKI TV Sunday, 11.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.00 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 2.00 The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) 3.00 Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. 5.05 5 News Weekend. 5.10 Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick

7.25 FILM: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.05 FILM: The Dentist. (1996) Horror, starring Corbin Bernsen.

12.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2 3.00 Film: Twister (1996) 5.15 Britain's Got Talent 6.15 The Only Way Is Essex 8.00 Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter 9.00 Peter Andre: The Next Chapter 10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff 11.00 Film: The Bucket List (2008)

ITV3

3.10 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) 6.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 7.50 The Best of Mr Bean 9.00 Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) 11.40 Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995)

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Pune Warriors. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) 11.15 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

7.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Doctor Who 8.45 Doctor Who Confidential 9.00 Little Britain 9.30 Family Guy: Groundbreaking Gags 10.00 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 A History of Christianity 8.00 The Secret Life of the National Grid 9.00 The Secret Life of Waves 10.00 Film: Jar City (2006) 11.30

3.50 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) 6.00 Friends 7.00 90210 7.55 Friends 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 Film: Alien Resurrection

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3.10 The Cat Returns (2002) 4.45 Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) 6.55 Three Men and a Baby (1987) 8.55 Attack the Block Special 9.00 Along Came a Spider (2001) 11.00 The Descent (2005)

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Surgery. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzonoscs. (R)
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Human Body 1.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional
News; Weather: 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This
Week; Holiday Weatherview: 12.25 Sign Zone:
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Holland. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review
Show; Weather: 11.50 Later with Jools Holland.
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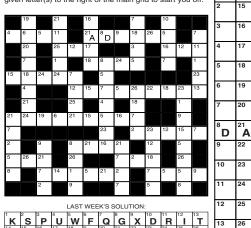
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Double Crossword

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Cryptic Clues:

- Across
- Stay well away from work! (8)
 A letter is itself sent back from the continent (4)
 Issue a period return (4)

- online it (4)

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 10. Fit as a lithe cat might be (8)

 11. Entangle wool and express displeasure (5)

 12. Bitterly continues a row with the French (7)

 13. Paper clip, perhaps, to keep things secure (5,8)

 18. It's quite fair to sing about wine (8)

 19. Birds can do it with their eyes shut (4)

 20. He's particular about his fare (7)

 21. A cleansing operation partly under water (5)

 22. Ties for position (4)

 23. Supporters of (8)

Quick Clues:

- 1. As a fact (8)
 5. Heroic poem (4)
 9. Indigent (4)
 10. Quarrel (8)
 11. Sudden thrust (5)
 12. Anointing (7)

- 13. Emotionally (13)
- 18. Theatrical (8) 19. Pipe (4)
- 20. Building (7) 21. Trap (5) 22. Wise man (4) 23. Gather (8)

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- Down
 2. She gives patient advice on social problems (7)
 3. Restricts in rents perhaps (7)
 4. Go into a tent containing main ingredients for amusement (13)
 6. Prepared scheme for winning a game of tennie? (3,4)
 7. He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
 8. It plays a starring role but doesn't shine (6)
 13. Have the company of constables on a ship (7)
- of constables on a ship (7)

 14. I will be bound to feature a lot in his conversation (7)

 15. Leave to expound? (3,3) 16. Authorise a back-
- ward Middle East nation (7) 17. Balances used in
- eleven supermar kets (5,2)

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- 2. End (7)
 3. Vertical (7)
 4. Absence of haste (13)
 6. Biased (7)
 7. Smoothly (7)
 8. Surgical instrument (6)

- (6)
 13. Melancholy (7)
 14. Approaching (7)
 15. A sloping type (6)
 16. Word meaning
- Word meaning complete opposite
- (7) 17. Bounteous (7)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Repose; 4 Passed; 9 Paying tribute; 10 Ash-tray;
11 Badge; 12 March: 14 Means; 18 Leave; 19 Thimble; 21 Trystingplace; 22 Detest; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Replay; 2 Psychoanalyst; 3
Senor; 5 Amiable; 6 Sounding-board; 7 Diese; 8 Stays; 13 Greates;
15 Slated; 16 Atone; 17 Defers; 20 Impel. QUICK - Across: 1 Bridle;
4 Fencer; 9 Unconditional; 10 Honesty; 11 Treat; 12 Vital; 14 Weepy;
18 Alert; 19 Radiate; 21 Transposition; 2 Eyelet; 23 Reveal. Down: 1
Bought; 2 Inconsiderate; 3 Links; 5 Episte; 6 Contemplative; 7 Relate; 8
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

E S APR LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by N? U the question mark is R. Somerset Cheshire, Cornwall, all English counties. A В W T

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Russell Watson, Symphony Hall, Birmingham A PACKED Symphony Hall erupted into hero worship for Russell Watson as 'The People's Tenor' was given a standing ovation before even singing a note.

even singing a note.

In his own words, the welcome he received gave him goosebumps.

Watson skipped and danced onto the stage, looking fit and well, with no hint of the health problems that have dogged him recently. Classics from some of his earlier albums, along with numbers from his most recent release, La Voce, were all delivered with incredible energy, drama and passion.

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Backed by an incredible 40-piece orchestra and wonderful singers, The Voice' opened with Somewhere from West Side Story and went on to present a good mixture of arias, along with covers of popular songs. Nessun Dorma was breathtaking while Mary Jess, winner of China's version of the X Factor joined him for songs from the Phantom of the Opera. Jerusalem and Land Of Hope And Glory had the entire audience on their feet with some waving flags. Coming down from the stage, singing Volare, he mingled with the fans shaking their hands and they in return showered him with gifts.

LES JOWETT

Solid Silver 60s Show, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IT was the silver haired teenagers' night to party at the Grand Theatre for The Solid Silver 60s show. Aching joints were stretched to the limit as the audience stood and clapped along to the songs that reminded them of their youth. Non-stop hits of the decade were played by original groups that have matured just like those of us in the crowd.

Vanity Fair's Hi Ho Silver Lining, followed by Early in the Morning and Hitching a Ride started the party atmosphere. Wayne Fontana in his white cowboy hat and long white hair was greeted with cheers for Om Om Om, Game of Love and Pamela. Blues/Soul singer Orlis Farlowe mesmerised the audience with Unchain my Heart, Handbags and Gladrags and Out of Time, while Dave Berry appeared behind the curtain showing his trademark white gloved hand. His songs included Little Things, Momma and the sensational Crying Game.

Terry Sylvester, formerly of The Hollies, sang their hits Just One Look and He Aint Heavy, He's My Brother.

The Mersey Beats' Wishing and Hoping, Sorrow and renditions of The Everly Brothers hits went down a storm. Sadly the night came to an end far too quickly but a good time was had by all.

LES JOWETT

The Essence of Ireland, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
IRISH eyes were smilling at the Grand Theatre for the fabulous
Essence Of Ireland show.
The audience could not fail to be mesmerised by a good mixture of
infectious traditional music together with a touch of Irish craic and
spectacular dancing.
The crowd's love of the music was immediately obvious from the
opening performance of an outstanding lone girl playing the fiddle.
Exploding onto the stage like thunder, the magnificent sound of the
awesome dancers' taps had the hairs on the back of my neck standing
on end. There was not a sound to be heard from the audience as they
listened for every click of the dancers' never still feet.
Energetic, graceful dance routines with incredible high kicks and
flicks were breathtaking and performed with such perfect timing. A

Energetic, graceful dance routines with incredible high kicks and flicks were breathtaking and performed with such perfect timing. A superb live band provided foot-tapping music for The Wild Rover, Molly Malone, Galway Girl and The Irish Rover. Solos of the emotional Danny Boy, the beautiful theme from Titanic and Westlife's You Raise Me Up received rapturous applause before a standing ovation followed three

Macbeth, Royal Shakespeare Theatre DIRECTOR Michael Boyd's version of Macbeth is a bloody exploration of evil, ambition and guilt with a powerful central performance from Jonathan Slinger as the

performance from Jonatman singer as the selfish tyrant. This first production in the transformed Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon makes full use of the 'thrust' stage, on three sides surrounded by the audience, which is a larger version of the galleried Courtyard Theatre which was the Royal Shakespeare Company's home in recent years.

Royal Shakáspeare Company's home in recent years.

Actors enter from all angles, dangling from the ceiling, erupting from under the stage, running through the audience, or via smashed stained glass windows in Tom Piper's impressive ruined, cannon-blasted church set, where piles of debris smoulder and religious icons have been defaced. It suggests a time of turmoil and danger.

The distant thuds of explosive-like drums and the minimal notes from the trio of cellists provide a menacing soundscape and the pseudo-Elizabethan and leather costumes

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are effective.
Enter Macbeth, victor in the Scottish civil wars, who takes a supernatural prophecy as his cue to murder his king and claim the crown for himself, after the encouragement

Not that Slinger's Macbeth needed much encouragement. He is a smiling devil whose doubts and

brief regrets are more to do with cowardice than human kindness or empathy. His wife knows this and it is she who is driven insane by guilt. Aislin McGuckin as Lady Macbeth

by guint. Aislif incloculatin as Lady MacDeville gives a harrowing "out damned spot" scene. Slinger spits out Shakespeare's lines with clarity and total conviction as the murdering tyrant, surely related to his memorable Richard III performed at Stratford a few years

Richard III performed at Stratford a few years ago.
Youngsters take a central role. The witches, the Weird Sisters, become instead the Weird Children, and make their first appearance hanging from the ceiling like corpses on a gallows as they sing their prophecies to Macbeth and Banquo. The effect is very eerie and the audience later learn exactly who these ghostly children are. Excellent support comes from the brawny tough guy Macduff of Aidan Kelly and Caroline Martin as the bitter Lady Macduff. Scott Handy radiates sorrow as Ross, the appalled witness to Macbeth's excess, and Howard Charles is gently impressive as the mild Malcolm, son of the murdered King Duncan, who finds enough steel in himself to take on who finds enough steel in himself to take on Macbeth.

This is a production brimming with ideas. This is a production brimming with ideas, of which some work and some don't. Jamie Beamish's firework antics, as Seyton the gatekeeper, are baffling. Also, a scene with a multitude of dangling dolls to represent Banquo's heirs looks more Cabbage Patch than voodoo vision.

But the banquet scene is a triumph, Steve Toussaint's very physical ghost of the powerful dreadlocked Banquo comes crashing through a door to reduce Macbeth to a gibbering wreck.

This is a play in which the dead will not lie down. Then the scene is repeated without the ghost to show just how demented Macbeth must seem to his guests.

seem to his guests.

Be warned, the scene in which the throats of Macduff's children are slit as

throats of Macduff's children are slit as their watching mother is throttled is horrifying, but such an atrocity should be seen as horrifying. Slinger's Macbeth seems to tire of his own malicious, duplicitous nature, musing upon death from his perch atop a ladder thrust out of the stage as his enemies close in.

In a world where smilling tyrants still cling to power via assassination and massacre, Macbeth remains relevant and fresh, and will remain so as long as men fall prey to "vaulting ambition". Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until October 6.

Shakespeare Theatre until October 6.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

Fantastic Mr Fox the opera, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton ENGLISH Touring Opera aims to encourage a young audience to experience opera with this adaptation of Roald Dahl's farmyard tale, first performed in California in 1998. A barely half full theatre for this one nighter

formed in California in 1998. A barely half full theatre for this one nighter suggests they have some way to go in archieving this. However, 20 local youngsters had their first experience of appearing in an opera with children from Wolverhampton's East Park Junior and Woden Primary schools playing fox cubs and trees. The witty libretto by Donald Sturrock and Tobias Picker's music, a mix of bucolic Vaughan Williams-lite incidental music and operatic pastiche, deserved a bigger audience. It was good to have an orchestra in the Grand's pit, though they sometimes overpowered the vocals meaning lyrics were lost, despite selective surtitles shown on TV screens in the theatre's boxes. Nicholas Merryweather was a swaggering Mr Fox complete with Rod Stewart-esque 70s hairstyle. Impressive vocal performances came from Miriam Sharrad's Mrs Fox, Welsh soprano Catrine Kirkman's lonely Miss Hedgehog, Carlyl Hughes' prancing Rita Rat and mezzo soprano Fiona Kirman ste he Valkyrie-like digging machine Agnes.

But there was a feeling of anti-climax as the story seemed to fizzle out. It was Mediocre Mr Fox.



Fantastic Mr Fox at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhamptor

MISTY

Fantastic Mr Fox at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton Katie Melua, Symphony Hall, Birmingham THE little lady in black showed she is a performer of enormous talent and contrast, switching seamlessly between rock chick, torch singer and playful songstress. Appearing first as a disembodied voice with her hit Closest Thing To Crazy the crystal clear tone of the Georgian singer sliced across the hall until it finally split the curtain to reveal the star looking both sexy and the innocent, girl next door.

Katie extolled the pain of love through tracks like If You Were A Sailboat, the dark, slightly sinister I'd Love To Kill You - a track from latest album The House - The One IL ove Is Gone and Call Off The Search. This contrasted with her rock/blues chick side which came through on her cover of Canned Heat's Going ID The Country and God On Drums. Devil On The Bass. To further demonstrate her versatility she did a sole, soulful rendition of Lilac Wine, made famous by Elkie Brooks. Katie let her more playful side take stage with Tiny Alien and Red Baldoons, accompanied by videos and graphics projected onto the back screen. She kept her biggest hit, Nine Millions Bicycles, for the encore after an appreciative audience refused to budge until Miss Melua came back on stage. She finally said goodbye with the hauntingly sung I Cried For You.

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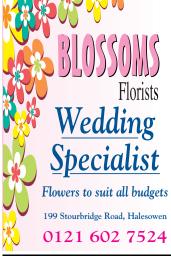
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Jonathan Slinger and Aislin McGuckin as the Macbeths. Photograph by Ellie Kurtzz/RSC



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PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49 slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359351

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SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341491

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friend-ship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331399

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FUN loving, attractive 65yr old widow likes socialising meals out and denoise likes socialising, meals out and dancing WLTM a male with a GSOH. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 135005 ⊠

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SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351813

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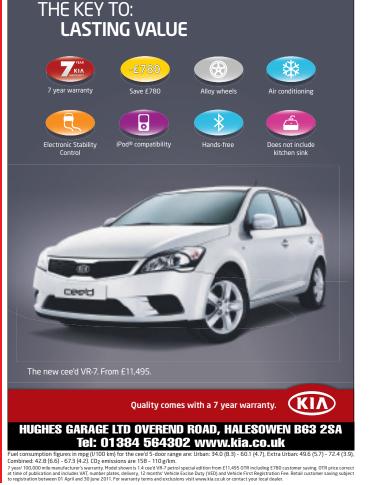
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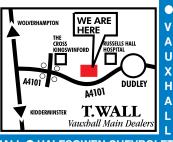
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Baggies hitman wants to stay at The Hawthorns

PETER ODEMWINGIE has revealed he is willing to extend his Albion contract as Roy Hodgson refused to rule out a move for Fulham's Andy Johnson.

Andy Jonnson.

Odemwingie's stunning debut season in the Premier League has seen him linked with summer moves away from The Hawthorns.

But the Nigeria international, who is effectively tied to the Baggies for two more years, has again pledged his future to the club and invited the prospect of talks about extending his deal.

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"I still have a contract but maybe after this season we can have a talk," said the 29-year-old. "I have one year left plus one-year's option.

"I am performing well and maybe drawing attention to myself. But we are staying up and I am happy.

"If I am in the plans for next year I will embrace it and keep playing."

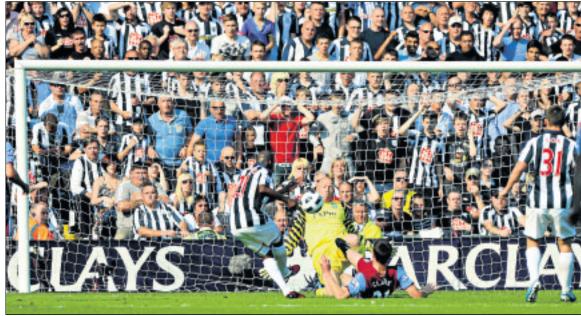
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Paul Scharner thanked his Albion team mates for bailing him out after his red card left them battling Villa with 10

men.

He said: "I don't have any complaints. I think it was a second yellow card and that was the wrong time to get my first red card in the English game.
"But the team did really well and I am a happy man now. It didn't bother them when I got sent off and we fought back."



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Such was the eruption of joy inside The Hawthorns as history was made, even Roy Hodgson got caught up in the moment.

The Baggies boss turned from the pitch, spied wife Sheila in the director's box and blew her a kiss.

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Britain took bronze in play-off with Switzerland but The Willey in sparkling form.

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OLD HALES clung on tenaciously to secure a welcome three-point win over Walsall.

The home side were penned against their line for the final minutes but tackled heroically to hold on for the win in Mid-

minutes but tackled heroically to hold on for the win in Midlands One West. Walsall looked good going forward and scored four fine tries. But their defence proved brittle and Old Hales took full advantage with five scores of their own. The pattern of the match was set as early the third minute as Walsall took opposition ball at a scrum in the Old Hales 22metre zone. But, as so often from then on for the visiting side, the ball was spilled and possession lost. No revenge in the sum for Stourbridge The hosts gained possession and a gutsy decision to run and pass the ball out of defence was justified spectacularly as winger Sutherland ran in a try from 70 metres. Ten minutes later Walsall got on the board when prop Pete Fitzgerald reacted quickly to jick up a loose ball and set off on a 40-metre try scoring run. Matt Wood converted

Macclesfield 48 Stourbridge 24
STOURBRIDGE SAXONS were unable to
avenge an opening day defeat by the National
One newcomers as Macclesfield ran in seven

set off on a 40-metre try scoring run.
Matt Wood converted that try and another three minutes later.
He also scored the try after full-back Chris Mould and Fitzgerald had cut through the Old Hales defence.
But it wasn't long before the hosts were back in front, scoring two tries in four minutes to lead 15-14.

And the spite a late much sing sour balls with some tight bowling. The match-winning score came from Ben Price, who hit 58 not with some tight bowling. The match winning score came from Ben Price, who hit 58 not long that some way traffe, Stourbridge notching four tries, dominating periods of play and finishing with the score of the match.

Old Hill ust and the perfect start, marching the kick-off deep into Macclesfield territory before prop Billy Moss stepped inside some weak tackling to score.

The lead failed to late through the Old Head for the way over from a catch and drive at a lineout, writes Time Evershed.

There tries in the last 10 minutes of the head the match as a context with Yang Parkinson grabbing two in two minutes before salire lead.

The visitors won the second round.

The visitors won the tests and put Wellington in to bat, putting the openers under pressure with some tight bowling. The match-winning score came from Ben Price, who hit 58 not out from just 48 deliveries.

Old Hill began comfortably and reached (45) and Mike Hingley (37) helped give the visitors a good chance.

But it wasn't long back through skipper Evanghal and the sal failed to late at lineout, writes Time Evenshed.

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Tipton rattle up 100 points and score 101 goals - but miss title

Marcus Jackson cleared the cross-bar when the visiting defence got in a muddle on the edge of the box, allow-ing Jackson a free shot on the Friar Lane goal. News filtering through of the inevitable goals for Coalville meant that Tipton now had only the 100 points and goals mark in their sights as compensation.

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But the goals looked hard to come by as chances came and went.

Danny Bragoli was denied by Thomas Johnson and the keeper again was at his best to deny a stinging Jakab strike after Danny Campbell's flick.

Jakab went close as the half came to a conclusion following Jackson's to corner, and the sides went into the break level.

Finally the breakthrough came two minutes after half-time.

Not to be outdone, skipper Danny Bragoli added a fourth as the mid-fielder netted his third goal in as many games, heading home Jackson's free-tick.

Tipton were awarded the runners-the highest-ever points total in the league not to claim the title.

It came down to goal difference and Coalville's record-breaking scoring proved to be the difference.



Danny Campbell's header is saved by the keeper. Pictures: Tony Marsh

However, he elected to try to find strike partner Jozsef Jakab when it seemed easier to score.

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Save. Tipton added further goals to the scoresheet in the final 15 minutes; Hill headed Jackson's corner goalwards and substitute Lee Osbourne converted from close range.

Trophy

Four minutes later Osbourne netted Tipton's 100th goal of the season, the ball looping up from Jakab's effort and Osbourne reacting quickly to head



Lee Osbourne nets goal number 100

Heathens snap up hotshot Newman

DUDLEY Heathens have swooped to sign hot speedway prospect Kyle Newman as a replacement for broken thigh victim Adam Roynon.
The talented 19-year-old comes in on loan from Premier League Newcastle.

But the switch will also mean a further change to the Heathens team. Newman carries a

higher average than the man he replaces, so one more swop will have to be made to keep Dudley under the National

under the 'National League points limit. Chairman Nigel Pearson said club offi-cials felt they had to act to get cover for Roynon, who had been in brilliant form before his injury. "We did well out of rider-replacement

against Scun-thorpe/Sheffield on Tuesday, but we can't keep putting that pres-sure on a young team," he

sure on a young was at Said.

"Tronically I was at Newcastle recently with Sky and talked to Kyle. The first thing he asked was how things were at Dudley and I said 'Hunky Dory, and Adam Roynon is riding fantastically well."

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"Now here we are a week or so later doing business with him as Adam's replacement."

Nowman is just

Newman is just running into form with Newcastle, scoring paid 12 on Sunday to help them beat Sheffield.

Causeway's fancy stuff

Causeway United 2 Loughborough Univ 0 THE BLUES ended their

Midland Alliance season with a victory over the high-flying students at The Grove.

The Causeway side

The Causeway side continued their tradition of warming up for the final game in fancy dress. Scott Stevenson provided the opening goal for Causeway on 51 minutes with an excellent strike with teammate Stuart How rounding off a good afternoon to add his name to the scoresheet three minutes from time. The Halesowen

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